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REMARKS

This response is intended as a full and complete response to the non-final Office Action mailed April 6, 2006. In the Office Action, the Examiner notes that claims 1-7 are pending, of which claims 1-7 are rejected. By this response, Applicants have amended claim 1: and added new claims 8-20.

In view of the foregoing amendments and the following discussion, Applicants submit that none of the claims now pending are in allowable form.

It is to be understood that Applicants, by amending the claims, do not acquiesce to the Examiner's characterizations of the art of record or to Applicants' subject matter recited in the pending claims. Further, Applicants are not acquiescing to the Examiner's statements as to the applicability of the art of record to the pending claims by filing the instant responsive amendments.

Amendments to the Claims

By this response, Applicants has amended claim 1 to correct a typographical error and has added new claims 8-20. The amendments to the claims and the new claims are fully supported by the Specification, Drawings and Claims as originally filed.

Thus, no new matter has been added and the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the amendments to the claims.

Double Patenting

Claims 1-7 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 13-24 of U.S. Patent No. 6,684,400. Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejection. A Terminal Disclaimer is being filed herewith. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

SECONDARY REFERENCES

The secondary references made of record are noted. However, it is believed that the secondary references are no more pertinent to Applicants' disclosure than the primary references cited in the Office Action. Therefore, Applicants believe that a

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detailed discussion of the secondary references is not necessary for a full and complete response to this Office Action.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants believe that this application is in condition for allowance. Entry of this amendment, reconsideration of this application, and allowance are respectfully solicited.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring adverse final action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Eamon J. Wall, Esq. at (732) 530-9404 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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